

# The Centurion

Official Newsletter of the 3905 Century Club

## Cross Reference

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Right about now is the best time to quote one of my inspirations, the one and only Herr Doktor himself, Hunter S. Thompson, from his opening to *The Great Shark Hunt*: "Well...yes, and here we go again."

In a couple of earlier issues of the *Centurion*, yours truly sat down and tried to explain the rationale/logic/lapse of sanity behind the club's Cross Reference, the effort to list the point certificate holders by callsign in complement to the numeric rosters. As time wore on, three problems came to light:

- The lists had been typed in Windows 3.1 Notepad, which is (frankly) a lousy text editor that is sheer hell to work with.
- It has not been possible to keep up with all the call sign changes thanks to the various Vanity programs.
- We sorta missed a few Silent Keys the first time around...

Enter two tools – and a situation on the club's web page – that led to a complete overhaul not only of the C.R. but also the numeric rosters! First, the new computer at my QTH (an AMD K6400-3 unit with 64 meg of memory and Windows 98...sigh...replacing a Pentium 75 with 16 meg and Windows 3.1) came with Microsoft Word 97 (am biting my tongue and trying to remain calm, this side of the libel laws) and a working CD-Rom. That program's

abilities are quite extensive, and fit the needs of what had to be done. Second, the CD reader led to the latest Flying Horse CD, and the opportunity to check the rosters themselves!

As for the situation: For about the last year, the numeric rosters have been out of whack, printing-wise. No matter how many times you downloaded them, half the pages were cut off, or the last few lines overlapped, or the final page was messed up...

All this led to one word: ENOUGH!!!!!!!!!!

First off, before the C/R rewrite began, a full 10 days were needed just to retype the entire numeric rosters of 100 point (basic) certificate holders in Word. The result is a somewhat cleaner layout combined with the ability to highlight calls as needed, in particular our Silent Keys and those calls that have expired or reissued (more on those expired calls in a bit). As this article goes to print, the remaining rosters will be laid out in a manner that will accommodate the expansion of those levels much easier. Getting them to show up OK on the web page – we're still working on that, so please be patient.

Second, the C/R overhaul – and that's the best word for the process – showed just how much life has changed and what was missed the first time around. No less than 30 more Silent Keys were found, and over 70 calls had changed, since the rosters were created in 1997.

Just shows what a new CD call book will do for you!

Perhaps the most annoying discovery has been an almost 50 percent increase in the number of our members whose calls are either more than two years expired or simply no longer found in the various databases – meaning we've either missed a great deal more Silent Keys or quite a few members have become (preferably for *them*) Rusty Keys, which are defined as amateurs whose calls expired before they did!

This is where you – yes, *YOU* - can help!!

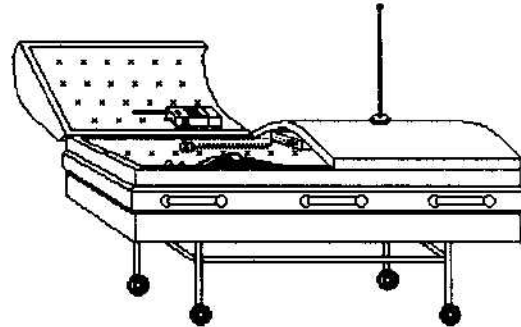
What you're about to hold is the roster of our members whose calls are expired or deleted, along with their pertinent information. A good number of these folks were likely from areas a good number of *YOU* are, so if you could do us a bit of detective work and pass along any information you can discover – *especially* if they are no longer with us – we'll use it to update our records.

Hopefully, articles on these rosters in one way or another will become a regular feature of the *Centurion* (and if the new editor has his way, he'll go for it given he'll need all the copy he can get), so let's sit back and see what kind of effect this request has. Given that this list will come out with the autumn issue, it might be good practice to have them in the newsletter twice a year – one in the spring, and one in the fall. The hope is that this will be in the center of the issue, so you can take them out and keep them close at hand, particularly if you get the chance to travel.

Before we get to that list, a tradition that started with the prior articles continues here. As the C/R came around to its final form, we began to see who was in sight, at least as the point certificate requirements were concerned, of earning the Masters' Degree. Out of

that came the idea of publicizing those who were getting closer to our highest goal, as a way of keeping in mind who we can help out.

This revision, however, has given us impetus to also list those members who have worked 100 point awards on ALL of our nets at this moment except for the new 20 and 80 meter RTTY nets. We'll give those two about a year of seasoning and publicity to get good and popular and then add them to the list.



There are still a few stations he hasn't worked.

## Fire

Several weeks back I returned from a weekend trip to Maine. As I was backing into my driveway I noticed a mattress lying on the front lawn. When I got out of my car I then noticed that the mattress was burnt. Standing in the doorway of my home was my daughter. She asked me if I heard what had happened...she had tried to call me in Maine. She told me that there was a fire. What a surprise.

One bedroom was totalled and the balance of the main floor received heavy smoke damage. No one was hurt...even the cat and dogs got out.

Good thing for full replacement insurance. It took 6 weeks before we could get back in the house on the lower level. The computer and radio room are on the lower level. The contractor is still working on the upper level...thus I am late with this issue of the *Centurion*.

With this issue of the Centurion the 1<sup>st</sup> Call area needs are printed.

YR/DATE	CALL	Name/Last listed addresses (Other pertinent data)	CCN Point #s
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NOTES: (CB) indicates year of last Call Book entry  
 Date is license expiration, per U.S. FCC database(s)  
 R indicates REISSUED call sign per FCC database check  
 \* with call indicates probable yet unconfirmed Silent Key

1ST CALL AREA

84 CB	WB1ADD	Clark E Anderson 21 Barker St, Keene NH (10-10 # 15344)	75/250
11-09-94 95 CB	N1AFP	Raymond E Hersey POB 513, East Dennis MA (05-24-1949)	75/1110
03-29-98	*W1AHM	Arthur J Brymer 24 Hall Ave, Saco ME (12-26-1911)	40/250 75/387 (1k/67)
09-30-96	*N1BA R	William W Ransier 8200 Hambledon Ct, Raleigh NC (07-13-1920)	40/1384
84 CB	KA1BBD	Patricia S Davis 10 Eastwood Rd Shrewsbury, MA	40/383 75/557 (1k/78)
09-15-95	*KA1BQB	Edmund A Marsette 6 Jupiter Dr, Seymour CT 75/928 (08-08-1938)	40/637
05-09-99	WB1BUS	Anthony D De Cicco 22 Sawin St, Watertown MA (11-20-1961) (10-10 # 17869)	75/504
01-20-97	*KA1GPR	Marion E Hall School St, Kingfield ME (12-26-1917) (10-10 # 33945) (OMISS # 1506)	40/770 75/1061
03-15-95	KA1HA	Milton L Aldridge Jr POB 165, Wells ME (08-14-1951) (10-10 # 25473)	75/617
11-08-98	AA1Q [Ex: wa1iyr]	Gerald P Di Chara 35 Central Ave, Assonet MA (08-12-1943)	75/55
1ST DISTRICT SIGNATORY TO CLUB CHARTER			
03-14-99	*KB1QQ	Robert J Conner 3 Chaffee Ln, Southington CT (06-01-1927) (10-10 # 38670)	75/1291

## 10<sup>th</sup> Call Area News

K0LJ, Larry Johnston suffered a heart attack and has requested that he be released from his duties as the 10<sup>th</sup> Area 3905 Century Club Director. A special election was held to replace Larry. Frank Taylor, AA0ZP, was elected as the new 10<sup>th</sup> Area Director. Frank has previously served as Vice-President -1996- and as President 1997-99.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 2000

Present

WQ1H N5UJB WK5S (PRESIDENT)  
N2XTT N7OKM W9YN (CHAIRMAN)  
AA3FC WM9H K4RWS KB0OKS(alt)

1. THE AUGUST MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BY WY8V WITH THE FOLLOWING NOTATION ADDED; THAT PARA 2.B HAD BEEN DROPPED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

2. N2XTT MADE AN OVERVIEW STATEMENT COVERING THE PROPOSAL HE HAD MADE VIA EMAIL ON THE PSK31 MODE NETS FOR THE CLUB. HE THEN MADE A MOTION TO ESTABLISH A PSK31 NET ON 80, 40 AND 20 METERS. MOTION SECONDED BY WQ1H. THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD AND THEN THE MOTION WAS VOTED ON.

6 YES VOTES AND 3 NO VOTES.  
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

3. THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THAT LARRY, K0LJ, HAD TO RESIGN AS THE 10TH AREA DIRECTOR DUE TO HEALTH. THERE WAS DISCUSSION AS TO WHETHER TO HAVE A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR A REPLACEMENT 10TH AREA DIRECTOR OR NOT. A CO-MOTION WAS MADE BY N2XTT AND WK5S TO HAVE THE SPECIAL ELECTION AND THAT NOMINEE'S HAD TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY WERE RUNNING FOR THE 10TH AREA DIRECTOR POSITION BY SEPTEMBER 23, 2000 AND THAT ALL VOTES FROM PEOPLE IN THE 10TH AREA FOR THE DIRECTOR THEY WANTED HAD TO BE MAILED TO N5UJB AS TO BE IN HIS HANDS BY OCTOBER 15, 2000 TO BE COUNTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WQ1H.

9 YES 0 NO VOTES.  
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

4. A MOTION WAS MADE BY N7OKM TO ADJOURN AND SECONDED BY WQ1H.

10 YES 0 NO VOTES.  
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

5. MINUTES WERE RECORDED BY KD3O FOR WY8V AT HIS REQUEST AND DUE TO HIS ABSENCE.

JIMMY G. FISHER KD3O

CLUB HISTORIAN

### 3905 CENTURY CLUB 2001 Elections

This is an election for odd numbered Area Directors, DX Director, Vice President and President. The term for the directors is two years and one year for Vice President and President. To vote in this election a person must have a 100 point certificate from the Century Club for any of it's nets. CLUB STATIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED A VOTE IN THE ELECTIONS. You may mail in your vote for Vice President and President or you may vote in the "on the air" election to be held during 40M and 80M regularly scheduled nets on 30 Jan 2001.

All mail-in votes must be received by the individuals listed below on or before the date of 20 Jan 2001 and must include the person's 100 pt Cert. number and call sign. A person may only vote for the Director in his or her Call Area of Residence.

To become a candidate for an Area Director, just make it known on any of the 3905 CC nets. To become a candidate for Vice President or President make your wishes known to your Area Director. All VP and Pres. nominations must come thru a Director. All nominations will be closed on the 8th of Dec. 2000.

If you are voting in the 1st or 3rd Call area for directors please send your votes to:

Ron Statzer K4RWS  
1117 Azalea TRL  
Elizabeth City NC 27909

If you are voting in the 5th or 7th call area for directors please send your votes to:

Frank Taylor AA0ZP  
1413 Saint Joachin CT  
Bellevue NE 68005

